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**(54) AGENT FOR EXTERNAL USE CONTAINING PLANT EXTRACT**

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a skin whitening agent, active oxygen scavenging agent and antimicrobial agent, each useful as an active ingredient of an agent for external use such as a cosmetic or quasi-drug.

SOLUTION: This skin whitening agent, active oxygen scavenging agent or antimicrobial agent contains, as active ingredient, one or more kinds of extract selected from those afforded by the following plants: Artocarpus lakoocha Roxb., Streblus asper Lour., Blumea balsamifera DC., Pluchea indica(L.) Less., Coccinia indica Wight and Arnott., Coccinia grandis Voight, Gloriosa superba L., Heliotropium indicum R. Br., Hibiscus sabdariffa L., Mammea siamensis Kosterm., Michelia champaca L., Murraya paniculata Jack, Mitragyna speciosa(Korth.) Havil., Morinda citrifolia L., Randia siamensis Craib., Solanum trilosatum L., Diospyros mollis Griff., Elephantopus scber L., Mesua ferrea L., Micromelum minutum Seem., Orthosiphon stamineus, and Solanum violaceum Ortega. The other objective agent for external use contains the above skin whitening agent, active oxygen scavenging agent and/or antimicrobial agent.

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